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SUBJECT: STATUS OF H1N1 IN BERMUDA: 23 CASES

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11. (U) As of December 12, the Government of Bermuda (GOB) has reported four new confirmed cases of H1N1 on the Island in December, bringing the total number of laboratory-confirmed cases to 23 from 19 on November 28 (REFTEL A). Of those, 21 were residents and 2 were visitors. According to the Department of Health's website, there are slightly more cases among males than females, and the majority of cases are aged 25-44 (nine cases aged 25-44, 6 cases aged 5-14, and five cases aged 45-64, 10 females and 13 males). There have been no confirmed deaths on the Island attributed to the virus.

12. (SBU) Minister of Health Walter Roban told the Consul General on December 16 that he expected an initial shipment of 5000-6000 doses of H1N1 vaccine later this week. The GOB plans to distribute these doses to essential workers and other high risk groups. He noted that the UK, the source of Bermuda's vaccine, had assured the GOB that Bermuda could have easy access to more doses. He added that when Bermuda reduced its initial order of doses, the UK was able to ship doses more quickly. Roban observed that Bermuda has had fewer cases by this time of the year than had been expected.

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